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"I come from nothing; but from where come the undying thoughts I bear? Down, through long links of death and birth, from the past poets of the Earth. My Immortality is there." -Alice Mynell.

OFFICIAL NOTICES AND WANTS

- 1.—You are hereby officially notified of the ANNUAL MEETING of the BLAIR SOCIETY FOR GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH, to be held on TUESDAY, August 10, 1926, at 11 o'clock A. M., in the office of the Society, No. 512-515 Masonic Temple, Erie, Pa. It is earnestly desired that you attend this meeting. Election of Directors then luncheon, afterwards general discussion, new business, reports of officers, consideration of By-laws and any amendments thereto, and a paper on some important phase of the society's work.
- 2.—An Amendment to ARTICLE II., Membership, Section 5, will be proposed, modifying the requisites for Active Membership, so that the Section will read as Follows:
- 5.— Active members shall be such as shall submit proper evidence of their direct relationship, by blood, to some recognized line or branch, of the Blair Family, or that they are the husband or wife of such a person; shall have paid a membership fee of not less than Five (\$5.00) Dollars, together with one year's Annual Dues, and shall have been duly elected to such membership by the Board of Trustees They shall be eligible to vote and to hold office.
- 3.—An Amendment to Article II, Membership, Section 4, will be proposed, modifying the amount of the Life Membership Fee, and changing the same to read as follows:
- 4.- Life Members shall be such as may be either related or not, to some line of the Blair Family; shall have paid to the Treasurer a Membership Fee of not less than Twenty-five (\$25.00) DOLLARS, and shall have been duly elected to such membership by the Board of Trustees.

 4.—It is expected that a Bulletin will issue in advance of the Annual Meeting.

Any suggestions for consideration at the meeting, if sent in time, will be included in the Bulletin.

5.—We have encountered some difficulty in determining the form and design of our Official Coat of Arms. It is, of course, desirable that our Official Badge exhibit the fundamental points of the ancient blazon. However, as Heraldry decrees that each descendant introduce into his form of the family escutcheon the emblem of his mother's (or mayhap of his wife's) ancestral blazon, we are aware that by this year of 1926 the ancient blazon used in the Twelfth to Sixteenth centuries would normally have encountered innumerable alterations. The ancient Ayrshire house was of a stag "couchant", while the Aghadowey family used their stag "statant". The former family used nine lozenges, or mascles, the latter family but five. The motto of the former was "Virtute tutus", of the latter "Amo Probos." The latter family used the two crescents in the flanks, with a garb in the base saltire, and a mullet (star) on the Honour Point, which latter signified their descent from the third son of the ancestor. We like the mullet, the garb and the crescents for the beautifying of the design; but we are not so much disposed to the implications their use would suggest. Our society would, however, be entirely within its rights to select any form of design it thought proper, although it be wholly different from any part of the ancient coat.

6.—The chief expense to our society thus far, has been the circularization of a large list of addresses found with Mrs. Moore's papers, entailing a most laborious work, and expenditure of much time and considerable money of her own by the Corresponding Secretary; and the publication and distribution of our new periodical. It seems to be the universal and hearty desire of the membership that the magazine be continued. To do so will mean a much increased membership, and the prompt payment by every member of the current dues and fees. If this be done, we see no reason why the magazine may not continue for a long time. Your help in sending in new members will materially lengthen the period of the life of our periodical.

7.—Don't neglect payment of your 1926 Annual Dues so that you may thereby be qualified to vote at the next meeting.

8.—WANTED: Pictures, photographs, drawings, sketches, descriptions of the homes, castles, country-seats, persons, etc., of the Blairs of Ayrshire, Scotland; of the home and person of Robert Blair, his church, grave, and his tombstone; of Blair College in Edinburgh, Scotland; of Blair Street in the same city; of the Blair House in Aghadowey, Ireland; of Carrickfergus Castle, Ireland; of "McGregor's Little Red Meeting House" in Ireland; of "Derry", expressive of the famous siege; of any of the immigrants to this country by the names of Blair, Wallace, Allison, etc.; of ome of their pioneer homes in this country; of the founders of this country by our related names, or who had to do with its early direction. If you can send them, or loan them, or write us where they may be had, you will confer a favor.

9.—WANTED: Any and all news of Births, Marriages and Deaths, in the BLAIR connection, for use in our records; and for publication in our Magazine, which ought to be the reservoir of all that is worth while of BLAIR happenings.

THE ROBINSON CRUSOE BLAIRS

"Hear, Land o' Cakes and brither Scots, Frae Maiden Kirk to Johnny Groats." Burns.

In the "Annals of Iowa", 3d. Series, Vol. IX., pp. 383-4, is this delightful Blair bit. It is nothing less fascinating than the proof that the author of Robinson Crusoe belongs to us! And it connects him with the Cochran Blairs.

"SOME BLAIR ANCESTRY, LONDON."

- Defoe had two children:
 - 2. Elizabeth Defoe, married Maxwell.
 - 3. Daniel Defoe, Author of "Robinson Crusce, in 1705 went to live with his sister 'whose little daughter was 5' ".
- 2. Elizabeth (Defoe) Maxwell had a daughter, b. 1700, named Elizabeth Maxwell.

 Because her mother objected to her marriage she ran away to America
 when 18 (1718); she was "sold" for her passage money to Andrew Job,
 keeper of the "Blue Bell Inn," and a wealthy citizen of Baltimore, Md.
 In 1725 she married Thomas Job, son of Andrew.

- 3. Elizabeth (Maxwell) Job had a son (possibly others) Archibald Job, b. 1726,
- 4. Archibald Job, b. 1726, m. 30 July, 1752, Margaret Ruse, and had
 - Thomas Job, who had a daughter Hanna, m. Job Ellis, who had 11 children; to Iowa in 1845;
 - 6. Morris Job;
 - 7. Sarah Job, m. DAVID E. BLAIR, son was Morris William BLAIR;
 - 8. Margaret Job, m. WILLIAM BLAIR.

(Note: See also "DeFoe Family" Scribner's Monthly, Vol. XII., p. 61)-E. B. W.

JAMES BLAIR, SLAIN BY INDIANS

He who serves most, lives best.

"In the year 1756 a party of Indians came out of the Conococheaugue to a garrison named McCord's Fort, where they killed some and took a number of prisoners. They then took their course near to Fort Lyttleton. Captain Hamilton being stationed there with a company, hearing of their route at McCord's Fort, marched with his company of men, having an Indian with him who was under pay. The Indians had McCord's wife with them; they cut off Mr. James Blair's head and threw it into Mrs. McCord's lap, saying that it was her husband's head; but she knew it to be Blair's."—Extract from Frontier Forts of Pa., Vol. I, pp. 544-5, published by the State of Penn'a. McCord's Fort was a private fort erected in 1756 along the base of the Kittatinny Mountain north of Parnell's Knob. Where did this man fit into the Blair lines?





Old Blockhouse on site of Gen. Anthony Wayne's Grave in Erie, Pa. This is typical of those erected by our Pioneer Ancestors upon the frontiers in early days as a protection against Indians.

"To be, or not to be,—that is the question:—
Whether 'tis nobler in the mond to suffer
The slings and arrows of outrageous fortune;
Or to take arms against a sea of troubles,
And by opposing, end them."—Shakespeare.

"Honour and shame from no condition rise;
Act well your part; there all the honour lies."—Pope

JOHN BLAIR OF CHESTER COUNTY, PA.

"Posterity gives to every man his true honor."-Tacitus.

From Rev. Joseph Brown Turner, of the Presbyterian Historical Society, Phila., comes the following data:—

"My grandmother's grandmother, Sarah Hibberd by name, married first, probably in Chester County, Pa., JOHN BLAIR. He died between 1766 and Sept. 1769, and she married second, John Waite. Waite is my ancestor. The family Bible in which the record occurs is in my possession. It is covered with deerskin, tanned with the hair on it, and is trimmed with the finest fawn skin. I prize it highly. The imprint of the Bible is "Edinburgh, printed by Mark & Charles Kerr, his Majesty's printers, MDCCXIII." (1793). You may find some help, a clue perhaps to some line; so I copy the record verbatim so far as it relates to the first husband.

'JOHN BLAIR and Sarah, his wife, was married March 31st, 1760.'

'JOSEPH, the son of John Blair and Sarah, his wife, was born December 16, about 3 o'clock in the morning, A. D. 1762.

'SAMUEL, the son of John Blair and Sarah, his wife, was born May 16th, 1765, about 10 o'clock in the morning.

'JOHN, the son of John Blair and Sarah, his wife, was born November 16, 1766.'"

I have always understood that the Blair boys, Joseph, Samuel and John, removed from Cecil Township, Washington County, Pa., where John Waite settled in 1781 or 2, to Kentucky. They were probably born in Virginia. Of their later history I know nothing."

SOME WASHINGTON, D. C. MARRIAGES

"A good man never dies."-Tellimachus.

Ann C. Blair and Isaiah C. Bartley, Oct. 27, 1843. Elizabeth Blair and S. Phillip Lee, April 27th, 1843. Alvinzo F. Blair and Josephine O. Gant, May 19, 1863. Annie Blair and Chas. E. Hooks, March 1, 1870. DAVID BLAIR and — Eberle, Dec. 4, 1866. Elizabeth Blair and Cyrus B. Comstock, Jan. 25, 1869. Elsie M. Blair and Albert N. C. Parsons, May 10, 1876. James D. Blair and Annie Ludike, Sept. 6, 1865. Jane Blair and Julia F. Maltingly, Nov. 23, 1868. Jeremiah Blair and Maggie D. Miller, Jan. 26, 1867. Maggie A. Blair and Oliver Lewis, April 25, 1866. James Blair and Mary E. Jessup, Jan. 12, 1846.

If every Man's eternal care were written on his brow,
How many would our pity share who raise our envy now?
The fatal secret, when revealed, of every aching breast,
Would prove that only while concealed their lot appeared the best."—Metastasio.

"But if in vain, down on the stubborn floor
Of Earth, and up to Heaven's unopening Door,
You gaze To-day, while You are You—how then
To-morrow, when You shall be You no more?"—Omar Khayyam.

SOME BLAIR MILITARY SERVICES

"The deeds of our fathers in times that are gone; Their virtues, their prowess, the fields they have won; Their struggles for freedom, the toils they endured, The rights and the blessings for us they procured."

The many Traditions of BLAIRS who were "Officers in the Revolutionary Army." "Members of Washington's Staff," etc., may be cleared up by the following lists from "Historical Register of Officers of the Continental Army During the War of the Revolution, April, 1775 to December, 1783."—Heitman's "Register and Dictionary of the United States Army, 1789-1903."—Heitman's "The Commander-in-Chief's Guard."— Official Records.

1775-1783 List:-

- BLAIR, John, (N. J.) Ensign 4th N. J., 23 Nov. 1776; 2d Lieut. 3d N. J., 1st May 1778; 1st Lieut., 1st Nov. 1779; Regt. Ajt. 1st Nov. 1780; transferred to 1st N. J. 1st Jany. 1781 and served to — April, 1783.
- BLAIR, John, (N. J.) Lieut-Col. N. Y. Mil. 1778-1780.
- BLAIR, John, (Pa) 2d Lieut. 7th Regt. 15th Nov. 1776; Resigned 29 April 1779 (also called WILLIAM BLAIR).
- BLAIR, John (Va) 1st Lieut. Cont. Artillery 13 Jany 1777; Capt-Lieut. 30 Nov. 1877; d. 18 Aug. 1780 from wounds received at Camden, N. J., 16 Aug. 1780. BLAIR, John (Va) Capt. ——th Va. 17 Dec. 1776; disch. 25 March, 1777.
- BLAIR, Samuel (Pa) Chaplain of Thompson's Pa. Rifle Regt. 9 Nov. 1776; Chap. 1st Cont. Inf. 1 Jany. to 31 Dec. 1776; Chap 1st Penna. 1 March 1777; Resigned 11 Aug. 1777; Chap. Art Brigade 1st March 1779 to 20 June 1780; d. 23 Sept. 1818.
- BLAIR, Thomas (Pa) 2d Lieut. Pa. Mil.; wounded at Guelph's Mills 11 Dec. 1777. (NOTE: Many privates of the name served. This is the Complete List of Officers).

BLAIRS in "The Commander-in-Chief's Guards."

Variously and incorrectly called: "Washington's Body-Guard." "Washington's Life-Guard," "The General's Guard," "His Excellency's Guard."

- BLAIR, James, Enlisted Londonderry, N. H., March 21, 1781 for three years. Priv. in Capt. Joseph Potter's Co. 2d N. H. Regt. Com. by Lieut.-Col. George Reid; Transf. Newbury, N. Y., June 16, 1783 to Com.-in-Chief's Guard Com. by Lieut-Com. Wm. Colfax; Disch. West Point, N. Y., Dec. 20, 1783. Born in Ireland 1763; a farmer; married Mollie Chaffee (who b. in Scotland, d. Mill Village, Erie Co., Pa. 1822); he d. Mill Village, Pa., 1848. Pensioned. Children:-ROBERT, d. Somerset Co., Ky.; m. Rachel Copley, Blairsville, Pa., March 24, 1828. ARCHIBALD, d. Mill Village, Pa., 1860, m. Elizabeth Cottrell. ELIZABETH, d. Mill Village, Pa., 1860, m. Mr. Johnson. MARY ANN, d. Mill Village, Pa., 1893, m. Aaron Everly, Medina, O., Aug. 6, 1836. SAMUEL, died unmarried.
- BLAIR, Robert, Enl. Burlington, N. J., May 1, 1777 for the War; Priv. Capt. John Hollinshead's 6th Co., 2d N. J. Regt., Com. by Col. Israel Shreve under Grig. Gen. Inshead's 6th Co., 2d N. J. Regt., Com. by Col. Israel Shreve under Grig. Gen. Wm. Maxwell's Brigade. BATTLES:—Short Mills, N. J., June 26, 1777; Brandywine, Del., Sept. 11, 1777; Georgetown, Pa., Oct. 4, 1777; Transf. at Valley Forge, Pa., March 19, 1778 to Com.-in-Chief's Guard, Com. by Capt. Gibbs. BATTLES:—Monmouth, N. J., June 28, 1778; Connecticut Farms, N. J., June 7, 1780; Skirmish at King's Bridge, N. Y., July 3, 1781; Yorktown, Va., Oct. 19, 1781. Furloughed Newburg, N. Y., June 6, 1783 until the ratification of the definitive treaty of peace; Disch. Nov. 3, 1783. Born in Ireland 1762; d. Newburgh, N. Y., March 11, 1841; Unmarried.

BLAIR, Thomas, Enlisted Aug. 4, 1776 for three years; Priv. in Capt. John Finley's Co. 8th Pa. Regt., Com. by Col. Brodhead; Transf. at Valley Forge, Pa., to Com. in-Chief's Guard, Com. by Capt. Caleb Gibbs. BATTLES:—Monmouth, N. J., June 28, 1778; Disch. at West Point, N. Y., Aug. 25. 1779. Pensioned. Born 1757; married; resid. Spencer Co., Indiana, Feb. 3, 1826; d. January 1, 1833. (NOTE: There were only three Blairs in this Guard.)

WAR OF 1812. Official List.

- BLAIR, Alexander (Pa) Pa. Surgeon's Mate 5th Inf. 6 July, 1812; Surgeon 5th Inf. 30 March, 1814, Hon. Disch. 16 June, 1815.
- BLAIR, David (Va) Va. Ens. 20th Inf. 12 Dec., 1814; Hon. Disch. 15 June, 1915.
- BLAIR, James P., Ohio, 2d Lieut. 27 Inf. 20 May, 1813; Trans. to 19th Inf. 12 May, 1814; Lieut. 27 May, 1814; Hon. Disch. 15 June, 1815.
- BLAIR, William Preston Smith (Ky.) Ky. Ens. 25th Inf. 20 May, 1813; Lieut. 2d Rifle 17 March, 1814; 2d Lieut. 21 July, 1814; Hon. Disch. 15 June 1815; 2d Lieut. Rifle 17 Feb., 1817; 1st Lieut. 15 July, 1817; Hon. Disch. 1 June 1821; died 3 Aug., 1828.

WAR OF 1812. BATTLE OF LAKE ERIE. With Com. Perry, Sept. 10, 1813.

(NOTE: From the list published in the Newport, R. I. Mercury of the officers and men in the eight wooden sail craft during the memorable battle.)

BLAIR, JAMES; BLAIR, WILLIAM.

MEXICAN WAR. OFFICIAL LIST.

- BLAIR, James D., (Ky.) Miss. Capt. Inf. 23 Feby., 1847; Volunteers 9 April, 1847; Hon. Mustered out 31 Aug., 1848.
- BLAIR, William B. (Va.) Va. Cadet Millitary Academy 1 July, 1843 (11th in his Class);
 2d Lieut. 2d Artillery 1 July, 1838; 1st Lieut. 4th Nov. 1840 to 1st July, 1852;
 Capt. Com. of Sub. 27 1850; brevetted Capt. 18 April, 1847 for gallant and meritorious conduct in the battle of Cerro Gordo, Mexico; Resigned 14 May, 1861; (Maj. Com. of Sub., Confederate States Army, War 1861-1865); died 23 March, 1883.

"Good Breeding and Siller mak our sons gentlemen."-Scotch Proverb.

We commence our line with Samuel Blair, Sr. Not because he was the first of our forefathers in America, but because it was from a desire to establish his service in the Revolutionary War, that we first became interested in genealogical matters.

He was a farmer and the following records show that he made many deals, buying and selling farms.

Hall of Records, Springfield Mass.

- 13/606:— 13 Oct. 1773, SAMUEL BLAIR of Rutland, Worcester County, Yeoman, paid 130 pounds to Samuel Patterson for 120 acres of land in Blandford, being the westerly part of Lot 24, etc.
- 13/643:— 10 Oct. 1774, SAMUEL BLAIR of Blandford, Yeoman, for 20 pounds sold to John Watson of Blandford, 8 acres 32 rods of Lot 24.
- 15/550:— 30 Apr., 1776, SAMUEL BLAIR of Blandford, Yeoman, for 120 pounds sold ROBERT BLAIR, 3d., 83-3/4 A. 16 rds. In this deed Margaret, wife of Samuel relinquishes "all future claims" to the property.

- Note:— Lot 24. This lot was known as the "Pond Lot" in early time; and the pond enclosed in this lot is still known as "Blair Pond." This lot was originally allotted to John Foye, one of the proprietors. In 1759 he sold 120 acres of this to Samuel Patterson—being from the south-west corner.
- Registry of Deeds, Worcester, Mass .: -
- 83/162:— 22 Nov. 1779, SAMUEL BLAIR, of Palmer, Yeoman, paid 2,600 pounds to Thomas Hunt, of Paxton, for a farm of 66 A. 35 rds., with buildings, in Paxton.
- 83/245:— 10 Mar. 1780 SAMUEL BLAIR, of Palmer, Yeoman, paid 10,000 pounds to Thaddeus Eastabrook, of Rutland, for a farm of 121 A. with buildings, in Rutland.
- 83/508:— 2 Mar. 1781 SAMUEL BLAIR, of Rutland, Yeoman, paid 40 pounds to Thaddeus Eastabrook, of Paxton, for 17-3/4 A. of land in Rutland.
- 89/414:— 18 Aug. 1783, SAMUEL BLAIR, of Rutland, Yeoman, sold for 300 pounds, "My homestead Farm on which I now dwell" to ROBERT BLAIR of Worcester.
- (Note:— It is apparent that SAMUEL BLAIR did not reside on the farm which he purchased in Paxton, and it is probable that he traded it to Thaddeus Eastabrook for his Rutland farm, for the said Eastabrook was a resident of Paxton in 1781

 The Rutland farm lay about a quarter of a mile from the farm of JAMES BLAIR, Sr., of Rutland, and one genealogist claims that it was from a desire to be near his father that he purchased this farm; as JAMES BLAIR, Sr., was the only Blair recorded as owning property in Rutland, and as Samuel originally claimed Rutland as his home, this seems probable.)
- 95/446:— 18 Jan. 1785, SAMUEL BLAIR, of Blandford, Yeoman, paid 60 pounds to Paul Thurston, for 28 acres of land in Ward.
- 111/38:— 12 Nov. 1790, SAMUEL BLAIR, of Blandford, Yeoman, sold this property to Jonas Bancroft, Jr., and Margaret his wife signed the deed.
- Blandford Town Records:— "This is to cartify that the Banns of matteremoney Betwixt Samuel Blair of Blanford and Margaret Smith of Palmer was Lawfully Published May the 2 1774."
- Palmer Vital Statistics:— Marriages:
 BLAIR, SAMUEL of Blandford and Margaret Smith, 4th., May 5 1774.

(Note: — Margaret was called "4th" because her forefathers for several generations previous had married women whose given name was Margaret.)

Births:

BLAIR, Roxea, dau. SAMUEL and Margaret, March 28, 1778.

(Note: The Buell Family Bible gives that date of birth as Feb. 28, 1778.)

BLAIR, Bacca, dau. SAMUEL and Margaret, Feb. 28, 1780.

(Note: Rebecca "Blair" Trowbridge, died Feb. 25, 1849, aged 70.) (From her tombstone).

Rutland Vital Statistics:-

BLAIR, Cene, dau. of SAMUEL, bapt. Dec. 30, 1781.

(Note: Assenath "Blair" Trowbridge, died May 13, 1821, aged 43.) (From her tombstone).

The family of SAMUEL and Margaret (Smith) Blair consisted of themselves and six daughters. The date of Margaret's death has not been found, but that she was living in 1790 is established by two facts: First, she signed the deed conveying the property sold Nov. 12, 1790; and the 1790 Census, taken by the different states under the title of "Heads of Families," In the Mass. census in the Blandford list we find as follows:—

Free white males over 16, including heads of families,	1
Free white males under 16	0
Free white females, including heads of families	7

The other daughters of Samuel and Margaret were:— MARGARET BLAIR, d. Jan. 31, 1826, aged 41. (Tombstone). SYLVINA BLAIR, no record of birth, marriage or death has been found. ELIZABETH BLAIR, b. Jan. 4, 1789, d. Feb. 28, 1847.

Sometime prior to 1796 he (SAMUEL) came to Great Bend, Susquehanna Co., Penna. The records show that in that year he was one of the Poormasters and The Assessor of Great Bend Township. He continued holding public offices for several years afterwards. He was one of the promotors of the Cochecton and Great Bend Turnpike, and took the contract for the construction of the same. It is a curious fact that his signature to this contract and that on the deed given at the sale of his farm in Rutland, are almost identical, although given some twenty years apart.

After the death of Margaret he again married, his second wife being Mary Eddy, daughter of Asa and Elizabeth (Gore) Eddy. A direct descendant from Rev. William Eddye, Vicar of Cranbrook, England, whose sons, John and Samuel, came as Pilgrims to America on the ship Handmaid which landed at Plymouth on Oct. 29, 1630. Samuel was her ancestor. They had two children:—

MARY ANN BLAIR, b. in Great Bend, Feb. 5, 1803; and SAMUEL BLAIR, Jr., b. in Great Bend, Aug. 24, 1804.

He remained in Great Bend until 1816, selling his farm that year and moving to Sodus, Wayne Co. N. Y.,, where he bought a farm and lived till his death, which occurred Apr. 15, 1827.

On Sept. 26, 1876, SAMUEL BLAIR joined Captain William Cooley's Company of Col. John Mosley's Reg. as 3d Sergeant. This was a militia recruited from Blandford and Granville, and their vicinities, to support the Continental Army in New York, and was stationed near Tarrytown.

BLAIR, ROXANA, was married at Ledyard, N. Y. on Jun. 20, 1795, to Israel Buell. They lived in Ledyard until 1816, when they moved to Ohio. She died at Venice, Butler Co., O., Apr. 15, 1831. They had twelve children. There are hundreds of descendants in this branch of the family.

BLAIR, REBECCA, was married in Great Bend, Pa., in 1800 to Noble Trowbridge. They lived in Great Bend. There were nine children in this family.

BLAIR, ASENATH, was married in Great Bend in 1803, to Lyman Trowbridge, brother of Noble. They also lived in Great Bend Township, and had seven children.

BLAIR, MARGARET, married Isaac Snedaker, m. 1808 and lived for some time at Great Bend, and then moved to Sodus, N. Y., were she died Jan. 31 1826. They had five sons. But few descendants remain.

BLAIR, SYLVINA, married Charles Hatch, and lived in Susquehanna Co., Pa. They had three children.

BLAIR, ELIZABETH, married Azel Carpenter at Sodus, N. Y., Dec. 9, 1820. They lived in Sodus, and had three children, none of whom married. She died Feb. 28, 1847.

BLAIR, MARY ANN, was married twice; her first husband was Nathaniel Dippy, by whom she had four children. Her second husband was Emanuel D. Miller, by whom she had one son. She died Feb. 8, 1874.

BLAIR, SAMUEL, was married in Sodus, N. Y., Oct. 13, 1823, to Edilda Randall, a descendant of the Randall family that came to New England about 1650. They lived in Sodus until after the death of his mother, which occurred Jan. 24, 1841, when he came to Michigan, living in Detroit for about two and one half years, when he went to Salem, Washtenaw Co. where he bought a farm; but he did not stay there long, trading the farm for a saw-mill in Troy Tp., Oakland Co. Mich. The site of this mill was in what is now the center of the thriving village of Clawson. The mill burned, and he sold out and removed to Northville, Mich., at which place he died March 6, 1878. They had eight children:—

URSULA ANN BLAIR, b. in Sodus, N. Y., Nov. 13, 1825, m. James Nash; ELI BLAIR, b. in Sodus, N. Y., Oct. 3 1828, m. Caroline Pease; SYLVINA BLAIR, b. in Sodus, N. Y., Nov. 25, 1829, m. Samuel Cunningham;

WILLIAM BLAIR, b. in Sodus, N. Y., Mar. 9, 1833, m. Maria Gillett; HENRY HARRISON BLAIR, (See below); ELIZABETH BLAIR, b. in Sodus, N. Y., Jan. 29, 1840, m. Charles Angell; AZEL CARPENTER BLAIR, b. in Detroit, Mich. Oct. 16, 1842, m. Cornelia Bennet;

EDILDA BLAIR, b. in Salem, Mich., Apr. 29, 1845, m. Henry C. Hart.

HENRY HARRISON BLAIR (above-named) was b. in Sodus, N. Y., Oct. 3, 1836, and when five years old came to Detroit, Mich. He distinctly remembered the trip by canal boat from Lyons to Buffalo. He was married in Troy Tp., Oakland Co., Mich. June 21, 1857, to Sara Warrenner, dau. of John and Mary (Wood) Warrenner, b. Oct. 1, 1837. They made their home in what is now the village of Clawson, where he engaged in the business of wheelwright until 1905, when he bought a farm near the village of Orion, Mich., where he spent the remaining years of his life. He died Apr. 28, 1911.

Children of HENRY HARRISON BLAIR and Sara Warrenner:— MAURICE REUBEN BLAIR, b. in Clawson, Mich., Dec. 18, 1858; FRANK WARRENNER BLAIR, b. in Clawson, Mich., May 13, 1870; MINNIE EDILDA BLAIR, b. in Clawson, Mich., Aug. 4, 1891.

MAURICE REUBEN BLAIR married at Birmingham, Mich., March 12, 1882, Nellie Allen, dau. of Frank and Rebecca (Gee) Allen, b. Sept. 26, 1863. He commenced working for Bowers and Clark in their factory at Clawson, Mich. at the age of fifteen They were manufacturers of barrel heading and staves. When the factory ceased operations some ten years later, he farmed and did carpenter work for three years; then commenced clerking in the drug store of Whitehead & Mitchell at Birmingham, Mich., where he remained until he became a Registered Pharmacist. In 1895 he became prescription and chief clerk of F. Hagerman's Drug Store at Birmingham, where he remained for six years; then entered into business for himself in Birmingham, continuing until 1908. In that year he formed a partnership with Charles M. Smith, of Detroit, Mich., and opened a drug store at Royal Oak, Mich. under the firm name of Smith & Blair—Blair being the manager and conducting the store for a period of six years, when they sold their stock and interests and he retired from the drug business, although he still retains his certificate as a Registered Pharmacist. He was elected Village Clerk of Royal Oak in 1914, it being a fast developing suburb of Detroit. When the U. S. became involved in the World War he refused to again become a candidate for the office, and entered the employment of the Fisher Body Co. of Detroit, and was for two and one-half years in the Paymaster's office of that company. On July 5, 1921 he secured a position with the Union Trust Co. of Detroit, where he is now employed, being in charge of the Statistical Department. He still resides in Royal Oak, and makes the twelve mile trip to Detroit daily.

Children of MAURICE REUBEN and Nellie (Allen) BLAIR:-

GUY LESLIE BLAIR, b. Apr. 28, 1883 in Clawson, Mich, is an Auditor. He enlisted in the World War, entered the service of the Red Cross without pay. He was commissioned First Lieutenant and was sent to Paris, and assisted in establishing the auditing department there. He was then transferred to London, Eng., for a like purpose. His duties frequently led him to make trips along the battle front. During one of the air raids, while in London, he volunteered his services, and while on duty, was only about fifty feet from where one of the bombs struck, tearing a hole in the earth about fifteen feet in depth and forty feet across; being around the corner of a large building was all that saved his life. He was knocked down and injured from the shock. Suffering from dizziness and deafness he was sent home. He went to Washington, D. C., where two operations were performed removing blood-cot. His year of service donated to the Red Cross having now expired he enlisted in the Motor Transit Corps as First Lieutenant. Soon afterwards the war ceased.

WINIFRED PEARL BLAIR, b. Aug. 24, 1884 in Clawson, Mich., is a manual training teacher in the City of Detroit, being one of the few ladies employed in that department. She is a graduate of the Thomas Manual Training College, and has taken special courses at Columbia University, N. Y., Stout's Institute, and other schools.

DON LLOYD BLAIR, b. Apr. 19, 1889 in Clawson, Mich., is an accountant for the Eureka Vacuum Cleaner Co. He also was in the World War, enlisting on Nov. 17, 1917, in the 446 Depot Detachment Engineers, and sailed for France Jan.

4, 1918. He was appointed a Master Engineer, Junior, on Dec. 25, 1917, made a Master Engineer, Senior, Aug. 6, 1918, and commissioned 2d Lieutenant May 24, 1919, serving in all 22 months. He married Miss Wilma Johnson on Oct. 30, 1924, and they reside in Detroit.

From Maurice R. Blair, Detroit.

"BLAIR"

"The best of the Prophets of the Future, is the Past."-Lord Byron.

How do you spell your name and—much more to the point, how did your great grandfather and his great grandfather spell it. The above straight-sounding little group of five letters has not always served the family purpose and in searching old records you will do well to keep that fact in mind.

Many things have contributed to the wide variety you will find, a single document sometimes showing three or four spellings of the same name. And Blair is Scotch; it stands for a Presbyterian religious ancestry:

There was a time, in Scotland, when Presbyterian-performed marriages were not recognized as legal. The children born of such could not inherit property; they could not go to school to an "Established" one,—in which the teachers were of the State Church, taught the State religion and only to youth coming out of homes of acknowledged allegiance to that Church. Home teaching—when discovered—was punished with confiscation of property, imprisonment, and sometimes with death. The very ownership of books was punishable.

Several generations of this led, inevitably, to illiteracy,—though never, be it understood, to that widely different thing, "ignorance." The deep wisdom of their faith; the alertness born of the ever-present danger,—every condition of life, in fact, led to scoring deeper the qualities that characterize "th' cannie Scot,"

But, too often, he could not read. He could not spell his own name,—and it is quite likely that his own pronunciation of it was often a bewildering sound to the man who must enter it on the records!

He—the record-clerk—wrote it as he heard it;—and, a further contributing fact to the acceptance of some names as so spelled; to keep the land-grants the Grantee must accept the name as written.

In the Government issued "A Century of Population-Growth," all spellings of a given name are grouped in a list" . . represented by at least 100 white persons . . at the time of the First Census, 1790." Our family appears in that list as:

Blair. Blaire. Blear.

Blear. Blare. Blieher.

Blaher. Blayer. Bliare.

In other American records we have found it:

Blyer.

Blar. McBlair.

Bleher.

In the publications of the Scotch Historical Society (Edinburgh) are yet earlier variants:

Blaar.

blar.

blair.

(used territorially with the small initial, but all with the diaeresis), while the still-preserved "fayr Latyn of Maister Blayr"—John Blair, Chaplin of Sir William Wallace—suprises us with still another form!

De Blaire, or de Baire, again with the differing forms in the second part, was of course used in the grants of William the Conqueror. Oddly enough, this French twist is almost the earliest found-of-record of our good old Scotch name. "Genealogy" (London, Vol. 31, p. 4), gives the signature of 'Alexander de *Blaire' (Blair)', repeat-

ing the name on the same page as Alexander de Blar, with the statement: "1228 is the latest date can be assigned to this document."

This French influence recalls an occasional query as to whether "Bellaire" is a variant. Its genesis, to the eye, seems so obvious that a "no" almost says itself, yet the ear calls halt on too great promptness. "Genealogy" shows the form to be English, as Arms were corrected, April 30, 1776, for one James Bellaires (Bellaers), Gent, of Stamford, County of Lincoln. Neither Arms nor crest, however, in any degree suggest the Blair Blazons.

Sixteen spellings, at least, of the name,—and, so far as yet found, but three survive in the United States today: Blair, McBlair, and Bleher.

Effemey Blair Wall.

*Blaire. It is so queer it might be mistaken for a typographical error! E. B. W.

THE NAME BLAIR

By the Rev. J. H. B. Hall

"There are no Points of the Compass on the Chart of True Patriotism."—Winthrop.

The name Blair is said to be of Celtic origin and to mean "a cleared field." Another goes a little further in pursuit of his military liking and says it means "a good fighter." And still another has the story—the legend—that a certain man came to the rescue of King Malcom of Scotland, when hard pressed, and cleared the field of all the King's foes, and in this he unites the other two meanings. Thus far others have gone in their explanations of its origin and its significance.

After my study of the oldest and the youngest of the Blairs—quite a host—I wish to hold to these meanings only in a secondary or derived significance.

I am not very much in sympathy with this secondary idea or meaning. Indeed, it has hold of me only as it grows out of a primary one which I have seen advanced by no one else than myself.

Away back yonder in the old days of lords and of earldoms, of serfs and serfdoms, men all lived in strong, isolated castles and towers or in walled cities. It
was a life, perhaps the best that could be had at that stage of the world's progress,
but it was certainly not the correct, the ideal, life. There was a man into whose
mind and heart this great fact—this mighty truth—came: Man must, sooner or
later, go forth into the open—trusting God and men—and there play—act—the manly
part. Here was the birth of the ideal manhood blossoming into the ideal life amidst
the hills of Scotland. He was the man of vision—the man who looked a-down the
years to come and read their opening prospects, advancements, achievements and
their glories. In view of all this dream—wholly realizable—ne would spurn castles,

towers, city walls— all dependences and degradations—and go into the open, "conquering and to conquer," on lines and in things the highest and the most appealing to men of metal and moral worth—to masterful men. It was he who won, "cleared" and held the field for the king—ultimately for himself and his own.

In the course of time, this man became so conspicous in character and conduct that men took note of him—took heart from him—and called him "Blare"—"Blair, the man who is brave, bold, fearless, free from all physical walls, all false defences and sham pretenses, independent enough to step forth and live a man's life." This was the very first sounding of the tocsin of liberty—the call into God's great out-of-doors—the world—and to human brotherhood and Divine Fatherhood. This was the man's heart's content because it was his heart's intent. These are the things that found expression on his shield—in his coat of arms—because they were in his heart. This is more in the keeping, according to my idea, with the things typified and signified in stag and cross and motto—"Amo probos"—'I love the true, the real, the right—all that the most manly man may choose for his life's aim in knowing, feeling, willing, doing—in learning, possession, enjoying—in character and lin conduct."

"Such high ideals had no place in such years. You say so! Take the backward trail of our highest ideals and you'll think twice before you make such a statement. Highest ideals must, some say, some where, find their birth. Such a man the king could and, I believe, would and did estate and call him Blair—the man of the open—the cleared-field.

I said I accept "the cleared field"—"the good fighter"—in part. I do, as I said, in only a secondary meaning. To attain the high ideals of my Blair—my man of the glorious expanses—it may be and often is necessary to fight. Here are the fields on which the Blairs have ever fought. Yes, and "sure as right is right and God is God," they clear the field—do the Blairs; they win the victories imperishable—do the Blairs.

If this seems too high and too advanced for any one, let that one accept the lower, and even therefrom strive to attain the glittering heights. This is the view of myself, so far as I am informed, and no other is bound to its acceptance but myself. I am hereunto led by my study of the whole of the Blair family in heraldry, in heroic battle, in personal development and culture along all lines of endeavor and achievement. In this enlarged and ennobling sense, I think I can say with peculiar import and emphasis—"I lo' the name o' Blair"—the man of the purple soul—knightly clad and kingly.

Our American Sam Wiley Foss expresses it in his fine poem—"A House by the Side of the Road." Our own Bobbie Burns, long time ago, voiced it thus:—

"Then let us pray that come it may
As come it will for a' that,
That sense and worth, o'er a' the earth,
Should bear the gree, and a' that.
For a' that, an' a' that,
It's coming yet, for a' that,
That man to man, the world o'er,
Shall brothers be for a' that."

JAMES BLAIR OF STRABANE

"It is not enough to will, we must also do."-Goethe.

A genealogical record of a Blair family of Strabane, Tyrone County Ireland, has been completed by John H. Blair, of Chambersburg, Pa., with the aid of Mrs. Klein, of Hazelton, Pa., and Mrs. Rhodes, of Waupun, Wisc.

This record begins with James Blair, of Strabane, whose ancestors' length of residence there is not known; but evidently came from Scotland as a result of persecutions. He had a cousin, a Dr. Blair, whose mother's maiden name was Booth. James Blair was born 1747, and married first — Miller. There were four daughters and a son by this marriage. Of these children who came to America there is a more complete record. The son's descendants are now living in Philadelphia.

This James Blair was married again to Isabella Scott. By this marriage there was a daughter—two sons and a daughter. The father died 1839, at the age of 90 in Strabane. After this the mother and her children came to the United States, locating in Philadelphia; and later, on a farm in Westmoreland County at the point where Export is now located. The descendants are mostly within the State of Pennsylvania; but they too, are scattered westward to the coast. (From John H. Blair, Chambersburg, Pa.)

"A horse-shoe nailed, for luck, upon a mast;
That mast, wave-bleached, upon the shore was cast!
I saw, and thence n fetich I revered
But safe, through tempest, to my haven steered."—Edith M. Thomas.

QUERIES AND REPLIES

"What we have inherited from our fathers and mothers is not all that "walks There are all sorts of dead ideas and lifeless old beliefs. They have no tangibility, but they haunt us all the same, and we cannot get rid of them,"-Ibsen.

- 1. Does any one know where to find the will of CATHERINE BLAIR, wife of Edward Moran? Mrs. Moore said there was one.-P. M. E.
- 2. WANTED. Information of DAVID BLAIR who was in Washington, Pa., in Served in the Revolutionary War.—C. M. B. 1798.
- 3. WANTED. Information of ENOS McCLELLAN who married ELIZABETH BLAIR.—(Location or dates would assist in search.—Ed.)
- 4. WANTED. Information of NANCY BLAIR who married SAMUEL SAV-AGE.-A. M. H. (Location or dates would assist in search.-Ed.)
- 5. Do Active Members obtain allowance for their former payments when they apply for Life Membership -Mrs. J. B. Ans. No. But an increase in the Life Membership fee is under consideration for action at the meeting next August.
- 6. Would like to secure data concerning JAMES BLAIR, son of ROBERT and Isabella Rankin Blair, who bought a farm in Rutland, Worcester County, Mass. in 1746, and lived there the remainder of his life. The information particularly desired is, the maiden name of his wife, the date of their marriage, the names of their children, and the dates of their birth.-M. R. B.
- Were there any WALLACES, COCHRANS or ALLISONS in the Paxtang Presbyterian Church, near the present Harrisburg, Pa., in the olden days:
- 8. Information wanted about the following persons, or of the descendants, some of them being in Missouri, Dec. 14, 1852:

Thomas M. Blair; Newton Quary and wife, Nancy L. Quary (presumably she was Nancy Blair); William W. Blair; Francis A. Blair and Wife Eliza Ann Blair; William Spear and wife, Margaret (Blair) Spear; Emeline Blair. Two of the Blair girls married—the one Newton Quary, the other William Spear. A member is exceedingly analysis to leave anything of the spear. ceedingly anxious to learn something of these. (A. B. A.)

REPLIES

Query 2.-C. M. B. will find that DAVID BLAIR was admitted to practice law in Washington County, Pa., June 1838. See Creigh's History of Wash. Co. 1870. p. 261.—Ed.

Query 7.—Yes, as will be seen from the following quotations from the History of that church published at its Sesqui-centennial celebration in 1890:— Epitaphs in the Cemetery:-

John Allison, died March 17, 1816 aged 46 years;

James & Mary Cochran, died July 16, 1822 aged 80, and died Aug. 6, 1803 aged about 58, respectively.

John Cochran died Nov. 16, 1845 aged about 72;

Hannah Cochran, wife of John, died May 31, 1850 aged 72;

Eleanor M. Wallace, wife of Wm. died Jan. 2, 1823 aged 49; Wm. Wallace Esq. Harrisburg, died May 28, 1816 aged 46;

Elizabeth Wallace, died Jan. 12, 1804 aged 26;

Deaths at Paxtang from pp. 292, 3;

John Allison, died March - 1816

Margaret Allison, died 1821.

James Cochran, died July 15, 1822

Admissions to the Church, pp. 286, 7, 8, 9,:— John Allison, Aug. 23, 1812 John Cochran, Jun. 4, 1820.

Baptisms in that Church, pp. 281 et seq.:—
Thomas Bell Allison, Apr. 24, 1808
Lydia C. Allison, Aug. 15, 1812.

Marriages by its pastors, pp. 260 et seq.:—
By Rev. John Elder,

By Rev. John Roan,
David Allison and Agnes Dick, July 4, 1768
Martha Cochran and Andrew Caldwell, Oct. 1, 1771
James Cochran and Mary Montgomery, Nov. 29, 1770
Janet Cochran and Robert Whitly, Apr. 24, 1759
Janet Cochran and James Cunningham, May 31, 1768
Margaret Cochran and Thomas Wiley, Aug. 17, 1756
Mary Cochran and Robert Whitehill, March 1, 1774
Samuel Cochran and Mary Sherer, Dec. 11, 1770

By Rev. James R. Sharon,
John Cochran and Hannah Cowden, Nov. 16, 1819
Joseph Wallace and Sarah Cummins, May 28, 1816

Signers to a "Call" from Paxtang—Derry Sept. 26, 1754 includes the names of James Wallace, and Robert Wallace.

Query 2.—"DAVID BLAIR vs Eph'm or Jas Crawford." Entitled in a controversy over some land trouble, before a meeting at the Surveyor General's Office 5 Sept., 1791. See 3d Series Penna. Archives, Vol. 1, p. 755. "DAVID BLAIR, 50 Acres, Sept. 29, 1788," Pa. Archives, 3d Series, Vol XXVI. p. 539.

OUR INHERITANCE

"I, the heir of all the ages, in the foremost files of time."-Tennyson.

We have lately been impressed with the thought of what a wonderful heritage we express in our own persons. It is worth our while to contemplate sometimes what we do represent; to consider what our generation really embodies on this earth.

In the Beginning, God created the Earth; and the Universe; and later, the parents of a race of new beings which He blessed and commanded to go out into the Earth and subdue it—to reign supreme over all other created nature. That in itself was a wonderful conception, a truly Godlike purpose. Much of His real purpose has undoubtedly been concealed for the time being from the creatures of that creation. That word "subdue" is intensely pregnant with wonderful purposes which sprang full-fledged from the thought of the Almighty, but which is as yet, scarcely commenced to be apprehended by mankind; for it involves the whole scheme of human purpose—investigation, study, reflection, struggle, development, and earth-conquest—which has been pursued by our race ever since it became a race of intelligent humankind. And we know better now than ever before that the vast secrets and forces of nature amidst which we have been playing and toying, remain to be sought, discovered, understood, and unlocked from their hiding places in nature, by those of us who are great enough in mind and soul to accomplish this.

All back through the ages since creation, the multitude of generations of mankind have been doing their little best to reach this goal. Each man has lived, and labored, struggled and fought, to do his share in the work—and at last to lie down and die, leaving the sum of his accomplishments to his children, who then stand in their parents' place to carry on, and to try to achieve what he had commenced. These in turn do likewise; and so on, and on, and on through the

countless ages of the past has this urge of humankind been experienced. And today, we who live upon this earth are the living embodiment of what those past generations have accomplished and bequeathed to us in bodily vigor, brawn and brain, ambition and purpose, as well as such achievement as has been possible.

Our responsibility today, as the lineal descendants of those numerous ancestors of ours, is to see to it that we so train our children, and so teach the children of others who may come within our influence, that the next generation will be true to the traditions, and teachings of the past. Our children should be given such an impetus by us in every way that they cannot help but stand for the betterment of the race; for the improvement of the ideals of life; for standing four-square in the great world-struggle.

We are living our parts in a mighty plan. All about us is the storehouse where Nature carries her stock of forces, of secrets, of power, of principles; and she is daily beckoning us to come and seek and find. We must be true to the traditions of our ancestry; true to the legacies of past generations; true to our manhood and womanhood.

The Blair Family has, in the past, been in the forefront of achievement, of struggle to possess and subdue the earth and its riches of power and of possibilities. The family has uniformly been on the side of truth, of virtue, of righteousness, of loyalty to kith and kin, and of fealty to righteous government. It has been a peculiarly law-abiding family, and outspoken in its denunciation of the perpetrators of wrong-doing. Can we, to whom such a legacy has been left by those vigorous and vital folks, do less than to uphold their staunchness in the right, to teach our children to do likewise, and so to perpetuate the principles which they labored so hard to establish? Our children will live after us to show to the world what manner of parents we have been. We are living now to express what type of mankind our own parents were, Will either generation of parents have cause to regret the life achievements of their children? It is our privilege and duty to uphold the standards. of the Blair Family, and to live and to teach as though it meant something to be a Blair; and as though we were proud to call ourselves by the name.-J. E. R.

REVOLUTIONARY WAR BLAIRS

"Go call thy sons,-instruct them what a debt they owe their ancestors; and make them vow to pay it by transmitting down entire those sacred rights to which themselves were born."—Anon.

From the Pennsylvania Archives, Sixth Series, Vol. II. YORK COUNTY, Pa., MUSTER ROLLS of ASSOCIATORS and MILITIA from that county who served in the War of the Revolution. Selected names-J. E. Reed.

ROBB, James, Private Capt. Luken's Co. of York Town, 1st Batt. York Co. Mil., Commanded by Col. James Smith, Esquire, p. 421.
ROBB, James, in 5th Class Capt. Michael Hahn's Return of Male White Inhabitants

between ages 18 and 53, 1st Batt. York Co. Militia. p. 449

ROBB, Peter, in 5th Class Capt. Alex. Liggett's Co. ditto. p. 492

WALLACE, William, in 4th Class Capt. Laird's Co. 6th York Co. Militia, p. 542 WALLACE, Moses, in 2d Class, Capt. Joseph Reed's (The Ferryman) Co. 6th York Co. Militia. p. 544

WALLACE, John, in 3d Class Capt. Joseph Reed's (Ferryman) Co. 6th ditto. p. 545

WALLACE, John, in 7th Class Capt. Joseph Reed's Company (ditto), p. 545 WALLACE, William in 3d Class same company, p. 545 WALLACE, Matt., in 4th Class same company, p. 545 WALLACE, Aaron, in 5th Class same company, p. 545

ALISON, Thos., Ensign Capt. James Moffet's Co. 6th Batt. York Co. commanded by

Col. Wm. Ross. p. 548
ROBB, Danl., in 1st Class Capt. Jas. Moffet's Co. above, p. 546
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ALISON, Joseph, in 8th Class Capt. Thos. McNary's Co. above, p. 549

WALLACE, Moses,

ALLISON, Thomas, Ensign, 5th Co., 8th Batt. York Co. Militia. p. 577 ALLISON, Alexander, "1st Co., """ " " 578 WALLACE, James, an Associator in 1776 under Capt. Rudolph Spengler, p 611 ALISON, Thos. Returned by John Travis, May 27, 1778. p. 620 ALISON, Alexr., p. 620 ALISON, John, ROBB, Robert, on payroll Capt. Peter Ford's Co. Jul. 8 to Sept. 2, 1781. p. 629 ALLISON, Joseph, Private Capt. Saml. Fulton's Payroll, Aug. 12 to Oct 12, 1781. p. 633 WALLACE, Moses, BLAIR, Alexander, "Thos. Clingan's "1782. p. ELISON, James, in 1st Class Capt. Henry Ferree's Co., 1782. p. 670 1782. p. 659 ALLISON, Alexander, Ensign in 8th Batt. 1783. p. 689 ROBB, James, in Capt. Peter Forte's Co. p. 695 ROBB, John, Private in Capt. Joseph Reed's (Ferryman) 7th Co. p. 702 ("Dr. Uncle please to goe with the Bearer Cuzen Joshuea Robinson to Squire Scot in town & try to Draw My pay for me for Camp Security that is the Remainder which is five pounds ten Shillings & this shall be his Diccharge. Given under My hand this 16th Day of May 1786—Robert Robb" p. 788 ALISON, Joseph, on Payroll Capt. Samuel Fullton Co. p. 809 ALLISON, William, Private Capt. Mullan's Co. Marines, p. 871
ALLISON, William, Private Capt. Mullan's Co. Marines, Apr. 1, 1777. p. 873 WALLIS, David, Private Capt. Willing's Co. Marines, p. 878 WALLACE, Capt. Benjamin, absent without leave, from Long Island p. 883 WALLACE, Capt. Benjamin, violated parole. p. 886

"Let us a little permit Nature to take her own way: She better understands her own affairs than we."—Montaigne.

(To be Continued)

MARRIED

BLAIR, Esther, daughter of John Silverthorn Blair and Mary (Nason) Blair, of Hutchinson, Kansas, to Mr. Andy Merrick, of Ponca ity, Oklahoma, on Sunday, November 15, 1925.

Company, in St. Louis. She is a graduate of Smith College.

SKINNER, Miss Lucille, daughter of, Mrs. Emma (BLAIR) Skinner and the late Nathaniel Skinner, to Robert M. Gillilan, February 3, 1926, at Tulsa, Oklahoma. The bride's aunt is Mrs. Alice Blair Andrews, one of the Searchers of the Blair Society.

REED, Robert Cameron, son of Mr. John Elmer Reed and Mrs. Elizabeth Cora (Brown) Reed, of Erie, Pa., and a great, great, grandson of, James Blair and Mary (Wallace) Blair (see Vol. 1, page 5, Blair Magazine, to Miss. Violet May King, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. King, of Erie, Pa., on April 22, 1925.

DEATHS

FORD, Mrs. Margaret (BLAIR), February 23, 1926, at the home of her daughter, in Nabb, Indiana, aged 74 years. She was the daughter of JOHN BLAIR, who was a pioneer from Ireland, and a grand daughter of Isaac Blair of Ireland.

BIRTHS

BLAIR, a son, to Mrs. Marie Blair, No. 1738 Green Street, Detroit, Mich., February 1926.